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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God grants justice.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Gathering Song
***Precious Lord, Take My Hand* – No. 773**

Vs. 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Vs. 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord,
linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my
cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Vs. 3 When the darkness appears And the night
draws near, And the day is almost gone, At the river I
stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh, how I | love your teaching!
All the day long it is | in my mind.

⁹⁸ **Your commandment has made me
wiser | than my enemies,
for it is | always with me.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than | all my teachers,
for your decrees | are my study.

¹⁰⁰ **I am wiser | than the elders,
because I observe | your commandments.**

**Refrain: *Your words are sweet to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.***

¹⁰¹ I restrain my feet from every [|] evil way,
that I may [|] keep your word.

¹⁰² **I do not turn aside [|] from your judgments,
because you your- [|] self have taught me.**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words [|] to my taste!
They are sweeter than honey [|] to my mouth.

**¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I
gain | understanding;
therefore I hate every | lying way.**

**Refrain: *Your words are sweet to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Hymn of the Day

***There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* – No. 1078**

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs. 1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs. 2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs. 3 For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs. 4 Lord, save us, take pity,
light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Song
***By Gracious Powers* – No. 626**

Vs. 1 By gracious pow'rs so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Vs. 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation,
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

Vs. 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suff'ring, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Vs. 4 Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

Vs. 5 By gracious pow'rs so faithfully protected,
so quietly, so wonderfully near,
we live each day in hope, with you beside us,
and go with you through ev'ry coming year.

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Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

***Rise Up, O Saints of God!* – No. 669**

Vs. 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Vs. 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.

Vs. 3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Vs. 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Vs. 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

Give Me Jesus – No. 770

Vs. 1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Vs. 2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Vs. 3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Vs. 4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Vs. 5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice – No. 968

Feed us with hunger for justice.
Feed us with thirst for peace.

Optional descant
Feed us justice.
Feed us your peace.

Sending Song

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace – No. 684

Vs. 1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Vs. 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Vs. 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Vs. 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one fam'ly with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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